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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(San Francisco)

VISUAL SUPPLY COMPANY, a Delaware corporation, Case Number: 3:24-cv-09361-WHO Plaintiff, **DECLARATION OF ADAM KHIMJI IN** SUPPORT OF MOTION TO DISMISS AND/OR STAY ADAM KHIMJI, an individual and DOES 1) **Judge:** Senior District Judge William H. through 20, inclusive, Orrick

I, Adam Khimji, do hereby declare as follows:

Defendants.

- I am a Canadian citizen Ottawa, Ontario, in Canada.
- I am currently an Economic Policy Analyst for the Government of Canada in the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada. Attached to this Declaration and marked as Exhibit "A" is a copy of my LinkedIn profile printed from https://www.linkedin.com/in/adamkhimji/. I have been employed by the Government of Canada since May 2019, after graduating with an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Western University. I attended Carleton University for a masters degree in political management in September 2019 to April 2020 while continuing to be employed full-time at the Government of Canada.

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- 3. I submit this declaration in support of the motion to dismiss this case. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.
- I have not travelled to the United States since 2022 and I have not been 4. to the state of California since 2017.
- 5. On or about October 4, 2024, I received an email at my work email address at Adam.Khimji@ISED-ISDE.GC.CA, enclosing a cease-and-desist letter from Visual Supply Company. Attached to this Declaration and marked as Exhibit "B" is a copy of that cease-and-desist letter. With respect to this ceaseand-desist letter:
  - a. The Prince of Wales Dr. address is my residential address, although the unit number of my apartment is missing.
  - b. The Queen St. address is my work address.
  - c. The vscoclub@protonmail.com address is **not** my email address.
- 6. The personal email address I have been using since 2014 is akhimji3@uwo.ca.
- 7. I am in no way involved with the allegations they made in the cease-anddesist letter above, and the receipt of the aforementioned cease-and-desist letter in Exhibit B was the first time I heard about Visual Supply Company ("VSCO") and its website and applications. I have never used VSCO's website or applications in any way, and have never created any account with VSCO.
- 8. Upon receipt of the cease-and-desist letter and recognizing the seriousness of the allegations, I retained Mr. Jonathan Kleiman to respond on my behalf. Mr. Kleiman is a lawyer called to the bar in Ontario, Canada and not an attorney called to the bar in California.

- 9. Attached to this Declaration and marked as **Exhibit "C"** is a copy of the letter in response that Mr. Kleiman sent on my behalf on October 9, 2024.
- 10. Attached to this Declaration and marked as **Exhibit "D"** is a copy of the email that Visual Supply Company's counsel sent to Mr. Kleiman on October 11, 2024, enclosing three files that contact my contact information that Visual Supply Company's counsel claims were obtained from Cloudflare pursuant to a subpoena.
- 11. For greater certainty, I am attaching the email in **Exhibit D** that Mr. Kleiman forwarded to me solely to illustrate that Visual Supply Company has utilized the subpoena that this Court had issued. Nothing in this Declaration should be construed as a waiver of attorney-client privilege or litigation privilege.
- 12. Up to around end of December 2024, Mr. Kleiman was unsuccessful in convincing Visual Supply Company that I am in no way involved with the allegations they made in the cease-and-desist letter. I do not have a technology background to be capable of what Visual Supply Company is alleging. I believe my personal information was obtained by an unknown third-party without my consent and used without my knowledge for the alleged activities. I have no information on who may have obtained my personal information and used it.
- After Visual Supply Company filed the Complaint in this case, I have 13. promptly signed the waiver of summons. Thereafter, I began searching for a California lawyer that could assist me. Eventually, I retained Mr. Simon Lin, who is called to the bars of California, British Columbia, and Ontario, to represent me.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 31, 2025 in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, Canada.

Adam Khimi Adam Khimji

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### Contact

www.linkedin.com/in/adamkhimji (LinkedIn)

### Top Skills

Strategic Planning
Time Management
Political Communication

#### Honors-Awards

Earl H. Orser Scholarship Charlie Hanes Student Award Clayton H. Riddell Award in Political Management

Arthur Kroeger College of Public

Affairs Departmental Scholarship

### Adam K.

Public Servant, & Member, Board of Directors Canada

### Experience

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada Electric Vehicle (EV) Battery Supply Chain (Industry Sector) May 2023 - Present (1 year 11 months)

Working to help Canada build a strong battery ecosystem and end-to-end supply chain for the electric vehicle (EV) market.

I work with colleagues across the country to make Canada a global leader in clean energy and advanced manufacturing. With the right investments, partnerships (domestic and international), and policies (municipal, provincial, and federal), we can build a thriving battery ecosystem that benefits all Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

I have taken on additional responsibilities as an ISED Accessibility

Ambassador. My role involves championing accessibility initiatives, ensuring they are integrated into all aspects of our work, and encouraging my colleagues to do the same.

#### Skills Developed:

- Investment Attraction & Strategic Planning
- Industry & Market Analysis
- Cross-functional Collaboration
- Policy Analysis
- Communication (speeches, correspondence, key messages, media lines)
- Accessibility Advocacy & Integration

Formerly called "Investment Attraction Directorate" (Industry Sector) due to corporate restructuring

Statistics Canada
Strategic Communications
March 2022 - April 2023 (1 year 2 months)

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

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Strategic Planning & Emergency Communications June 2021 - March 2022 (10 months)

Capital Hill Group Research and Communications Analyst January 2020 - June 2021 (1 year 6 months)

Commission de la fonction publique du Canada | Public Service Commission of Canada Policy Analyst May 2019 - April 2020 (1 year)

City of London, Canada Special Assistant to Josh Morgan September 2017 - January 2018 (5 months)

Ivey Business School at Western University
Research & Teaching Assistant to Professor Dr. Sooy
May 2017 - November 2017 (7 months)

### Education

Western University
Honors Bachelor of Arts, Honors Specialization in Political Science, Minor in Psychology

Carleton University

Master of Political Management

# **EXHIBIT B**



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October 4, 2024

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Re: Cease and Desist re VSCO IP Infringements and Demand For Compliance

Dear Mr. Khimji,

We represent Visual Supply Company ("VSCO") in relation to certain legal matters. Our investigation has established that you are the creator and operator of several websites that infringe and trespass on VSCO's intellectual property and invade the privacy of and otherwise harm VSCO's users. In doing so, you have violated VSCO's terms of service, and used technological means to circumvent VSCO's access controls to scrape, download, and aggregate images of women and girls—including images of minors—for distribution to others, which you monetized through various websites and at least one associated Patreon account. These unlawful and infringing websites include at least <vsco.club> and <gli>glizzy.cafe> (collectively, the "Infringing Websites").

To be clear, this conduct is illegal, and VSCO demands that <u>YOU immediately</u> and forever cease and desist from any further illegal conduct in relation to VSCO or its <u>users</u>. VSCO further demands that you cooperate in its investigation and that you compensate VSCO for the harm that you have caused, including but not limited to its investigative and legal expenses. This letter represents a one-time opportunity to resolve this dispute and avoid publicly-filed U.S. Federal Court litigation. If you are represented by counsel in connection with this matter, please provide this letter to your counsel and have them respond immediately.

#### The VSCO IP.

VSCO owns numerous U.S. federal trademark registrations for its famous VSCO word mark and logo, including U.S. Trademark Reg. Nos. 4,672,062; 4,273,434; and 4,716,756. VSCO similarly owns numerous Canadian and international trademark registrations for these marks, including Canada Trademark Reg. Nos. TMA1001520 and TMA861556, and International Trademark Reg. No. 1661739. VSCO further owns

substantial common law trademark rights covering use of its famous VSCO word mark and logo on a variety of products and services beyond those identified in its extensive and global trademark portfolio.

The copyright-protected images depicted on the VSCO website are the intellectual property of individual VSCO creators. Pursuant to VSCO's Terms of Use, VSCO creators grant VSCO and its agents the right to pursue infringement claims under the Copyright Act and Digital Millennium Copyright Act for unauthorized reproductions of VSCO creators' photographs.

In addition, the names, photographs, and likenesses of individual VSCO creators are protected by those creators' rights of publicity. Pursuant to VSCO's Terms of Use, VSCO creators also grant VSCO and its agents the right to pursue infringement claims for violations of their rights of publicity through unlawful commercialization of their photographs and likenesses.

### Your Unlawful Activities Using The VSCO IP.

Our investigation has revealed that you, under the aliases "Aidan Salamon" and "Mike Hunt," registered several domains including at least <vsco.club> and <glizzy.cafe>, and created the Infringing Websites. On the Infringing Websites, you used VSCO's famous VSCO word mark and logo, and posted erotic photographs of young women and girls, including images of minors, that you copied and downloaded through unauthorized access to VSCO's websites and creator profiles. An example of the content you posted on the Infringing Websites is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

You infringed upon VSCO's trademark rights by using the VSCO trademark in a manner that created a substantial likelihood that consumers will be confused into believing that you and/or the Infringing Websites are affiliated with, sponsored or endorsed by VSCO, and/or are otherwise related to VSCO, when no such relationship exists. This likelihood of confusion is exacerbated by your incorporation of the VSCO trademark into the domain name of the Infringing Websites, such as vsco.club. Unauthorized use of VSCO's trademarks in this way violates VSCO' rights under the Lanham Act, consumer protections statutes, and the common law.

Moreover, the Infringing Websites targeted VSCO users, specifically, young women and girls, and used illegal tactics to steal those VSCO users' copyright-protected images (the "Protected Images"). According to our investigation, you accessed VSCO's website (https://www.vsco.co/) without authorization and using technological measures to circumvent certain access protections VSCO has put in place to protect its user's content and images. Your knowing and unlawful distribution and display of the Protected Images was unauthorized and constitutes copyright infringement. Moreover, the Infringing Websites permitted their users to download and save local copies of the Protected Images, thereby

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See https://www.vsco.co/about/terms-of-use.

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facilitating unauthorized access to downloadable digital copies of the Protected Images in violation of at least the anti-trafficking provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

In addition, to monetize the Infringing Websites and the copyrighted photographs displayed thereon, you created a Patreon account at https://www.patreon.com/vscoclub, whereby you sought to collect payment for access to these young women and girls' deleted content and advertised that you "have 10+ million accounts saved." A printout of this Patreon account is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**. You also solicited additional payments from internet users on the Infringing Websites themselves and on Reddit; an example of your solicitations of payment on the Infringing Websites and on Reddit is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. Commercialization of these young women and girls' photographs without their consent violates their rights of publicity under U.S. state law, *e.g.*, Cal. Civ. Code § 3344.

Finally, your use of VSCO's websites, mobile apps, products, and services binds you to VSCO's Terms of Use, and your unlawful conduct involving the Infringing Websites described above constitutes a breach of those Terms of Use, trespass, interference, and unfair competition under California state law as well. Pursuant to VSCO's Terms of Use, your use of VSCO's websites, mobile apps, products, and services to create the Infringing Websites subjects you to the jurisdiction of the courts located in San Francisco, California, for litigation arising from the unlawful conduct discussed above.

All of the legal transgressions described herein carry civil penalties, including statutory damages, compensatory damages, enhanced damages for willful infringement, injunctive relief, attorneys' fees, and costs. VSCO will not hesitate to seek the maximum penalties against you in the public forum of U.S. federal court to remedy your violations of VSCO and its users' rights. Given your unauthorized access of the accounts of young women and minor girls to hack, scrape, copy, download, and distribute their intimate photographs without their consent for your own material gain, and lurid characterizations of them on forums like "VSCOsluts," the likelihood of enhanced and/or punitive damages is high. Your conduct exploits real individuals with rights and dignity that must be respected, and that VSCO intends to protect with all available remedies. In short, VSCO takes these matters very seriously and any failure to cooperate fully and comply with VSCO's demands will result in swift action.

This letter shall serve as a cease and desist demand and cooperation offer that will remain open only until <u>October 14, 2024</u>. On or before that date, please confirm in writing to my attention that you agree to and will immediately cease and desist and comply as follows:

- Cease and desist all access by any means to VSCO's services, including, but not limited to, VSCO's websites, mobile applications, creator profiles, and creator content;
- Cease and desist any and all activity in relation to VSCO or its users in any way, including but not limited to ceasing and desisting from (i) any use of the VSCO

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trademarks and/or any other marks likely to cause confusion with the VSCO trademarks in connection with any website, web domains, mobile applications, advertisements, marketing materials, digital media, and/or social media, or (ii) any hacking, accessing, copying, downloading, or distributing any photos, content, or any other materials from VSCO or any VSCO creator or user; and,

3. Fully and forever delete and destroy any and all copies, in any format whatsoever, and wherever stored, of any photos, content, or other materials from VSCO or any VSCO creator or user, <u>after</u> providing one copy of all such materials to us for preservation purposes as described below.

In addition to VSCO's cease and desist and compliance demands above, VSCO requires your cooperation with its ongoing investigation and your payment of damages and costs, as follows, and requires your confirmation that you will comply with these demands by **October 12, 2024**. The demands include:

- 4. Identify with specificity any and all individuals and/or entities involved in any way with the creation, development, and/or operation of the Infringing Websites, as well as any similar or related websites, mobile applications, social media, and/or other online forums;
- 5. Identify with specificity all other websites, web domains, mobile applications, social media, and/or other online forums that provide services similar or related to those provided on the Infringing Websites, and provide all information that you have regarding the owners/operators of those other websites, domains, apps, social media, forums, or services, including but not limited to their full names, emails addresses, website names, user handles, residence addresses, phone numbers, and any other contact information you possess;
- 6. Provide a detailed and precise account of the technological methods and/or mechanisms you used to gain access to, hack, scrape, download, and/or distribute VSCO's websites, creator content, and/or photo data, including but not limited to in relation to the Infringing Websites;
- 7. Preserve all documents, records, and data, and communications related to this matter and/or the Infringing Websites, including, but not limited to, emails, text messages, call logs, photos, creator content, and/or any other materials, whether in physical or electronic form, including in all personal and professional devices and/or accounts.
- 8. Provide a full and complete copy of all documents/data set forth above in No. 7 for VSCO to use at its sole and complete discretion in its ongoing investigation of these matters.
- 9. Agree to compensate VSCO for its reasonable damages and costs incurred, in an amount to be agreed between the parties.

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As set forth above, VSCO requires a response agreeing its demands no later than **October 14, 2024**. Please respond to my email directly. Or if you are represented by legal counsel, please have them contact me no later than this deadline. VSCO reserves all rights and remedies in relation to these matters.

Very truly yours,

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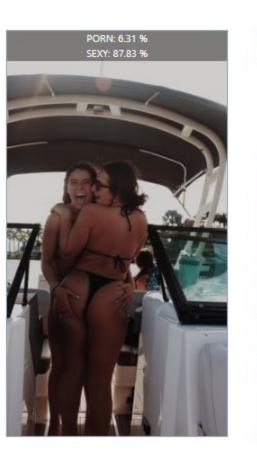
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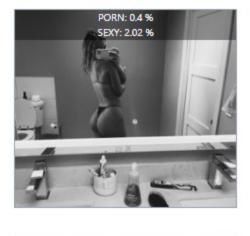


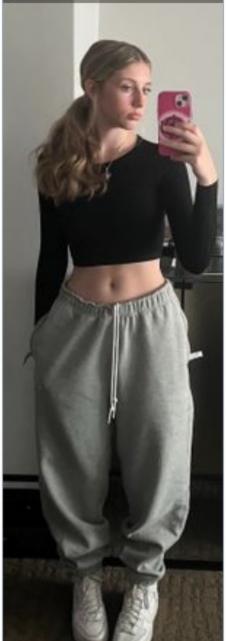






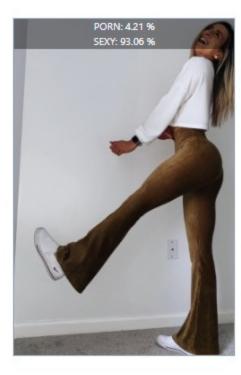






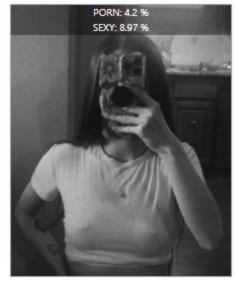












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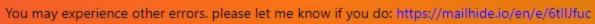
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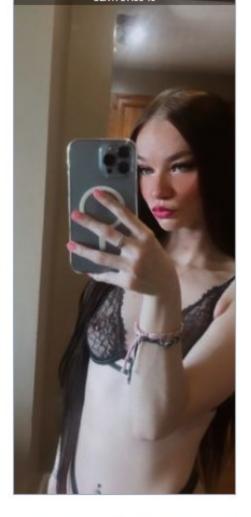






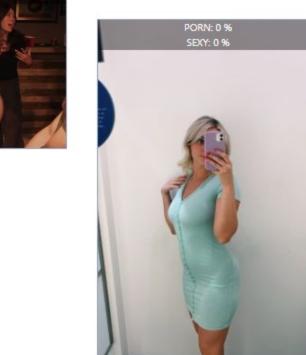


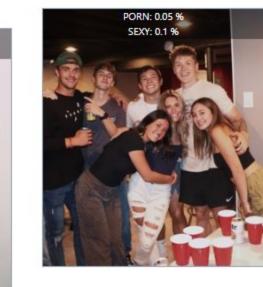














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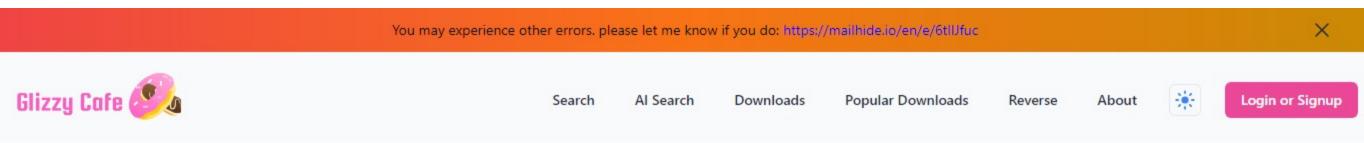
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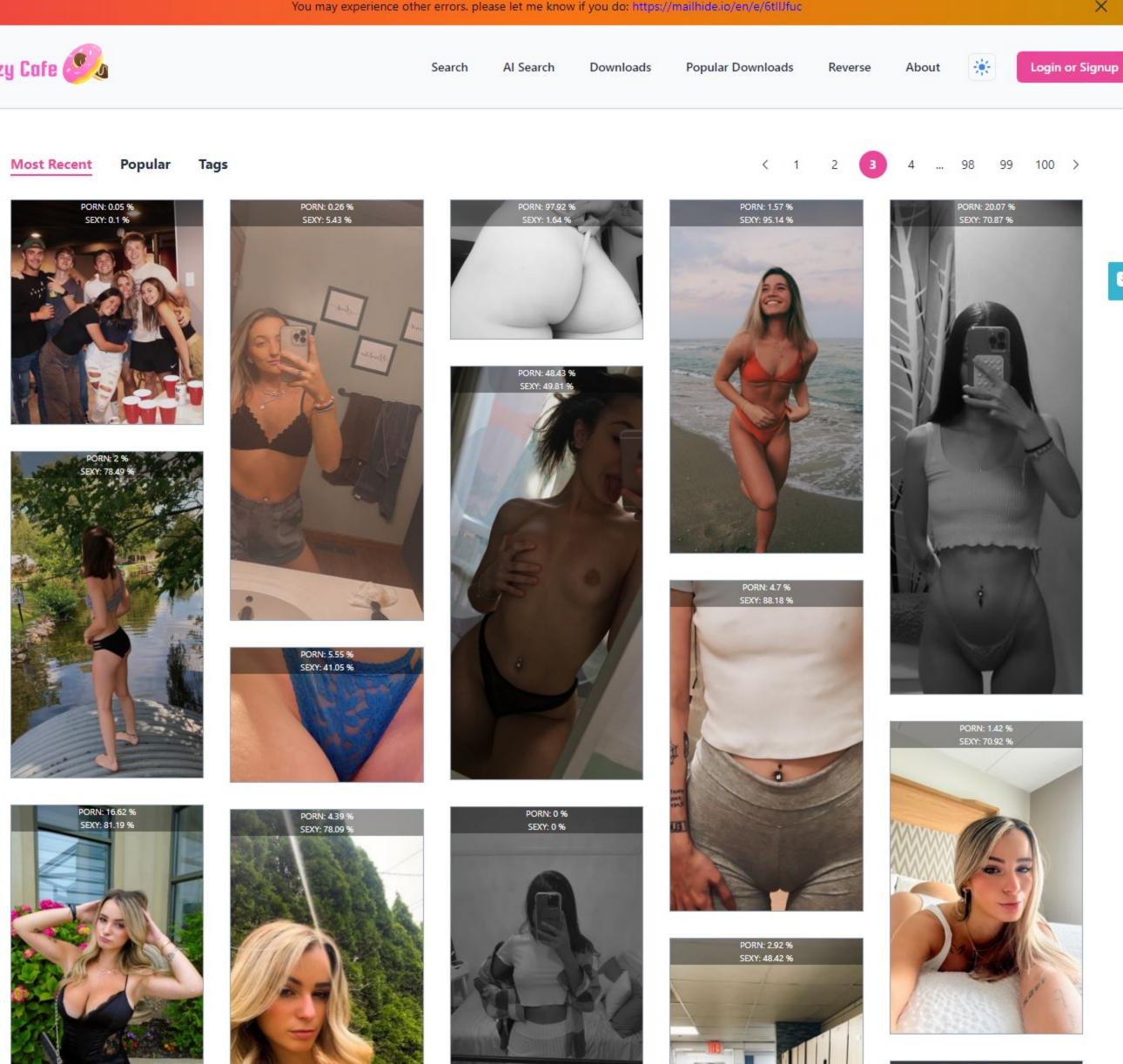
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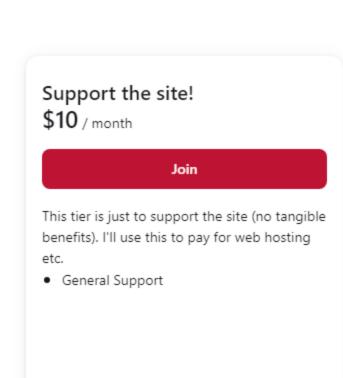
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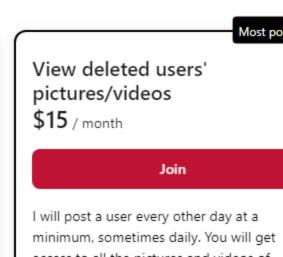




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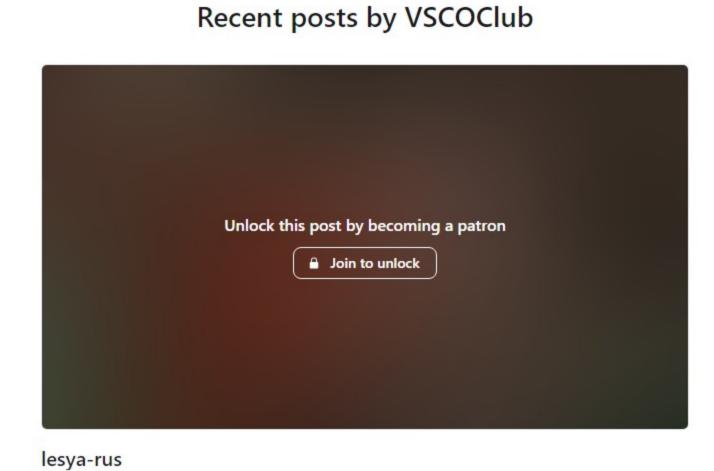
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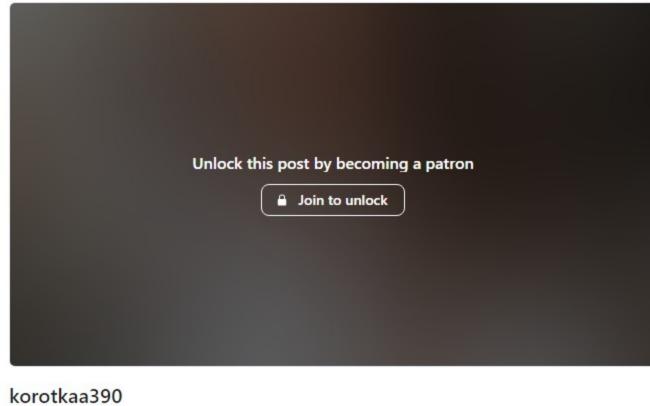
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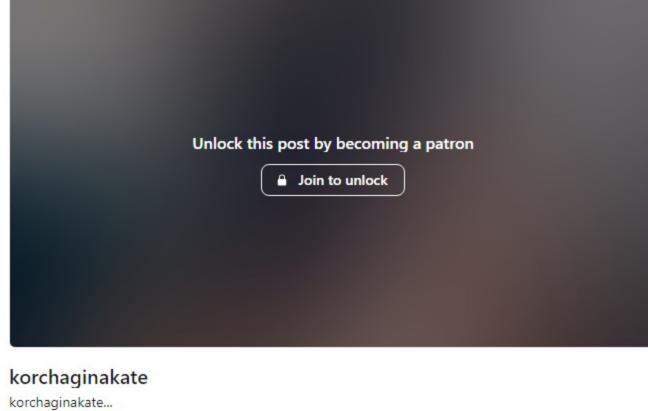


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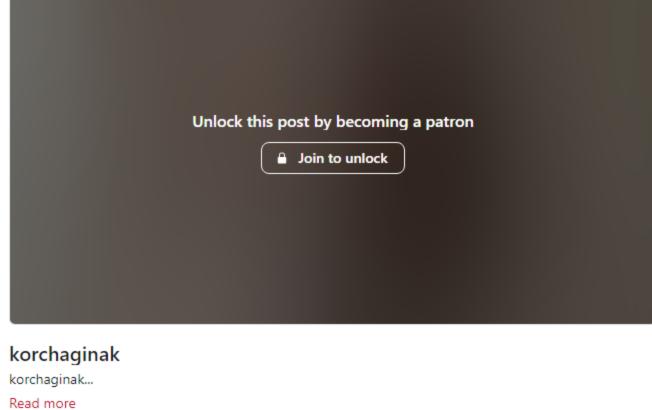
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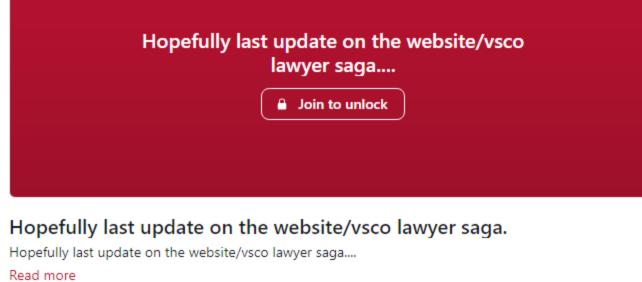
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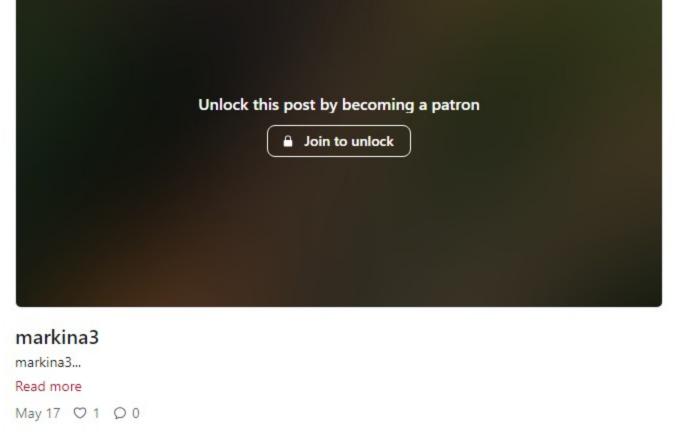


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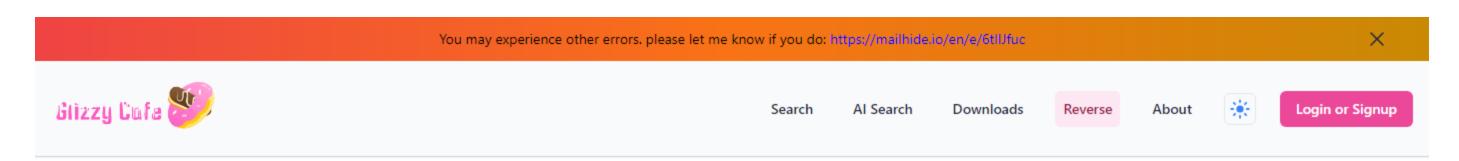
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### **About**

Download HD fullsize VSCO media and profile photos and videos.

Glizzy Cafe is not affilaited with vsco.co in any way, shape, or form.

### **Deleted Users (Patreon)**

Since this website costs a bit of money to run, I have a Patreon you can support the site with.

I will be posting 1-3 accounts per week that have been deleted.

If you want a user posted, I will also be taking requests.

https://www.patreon.com/vscoclub

### **Privacy**

Downloaded content is only logged to perform the basic functions of the website. No images are hosted on GlizzyCafe. To have an image removed, delete it from VSCO.

Feel free to securely email me at: https://mailhide.io/en/e/6tllJfuc

### Donate

I run this website at a loss. I don't want to ruin the user experience with a ton of ads and shit like that. If you would like to help pay for the server costs:

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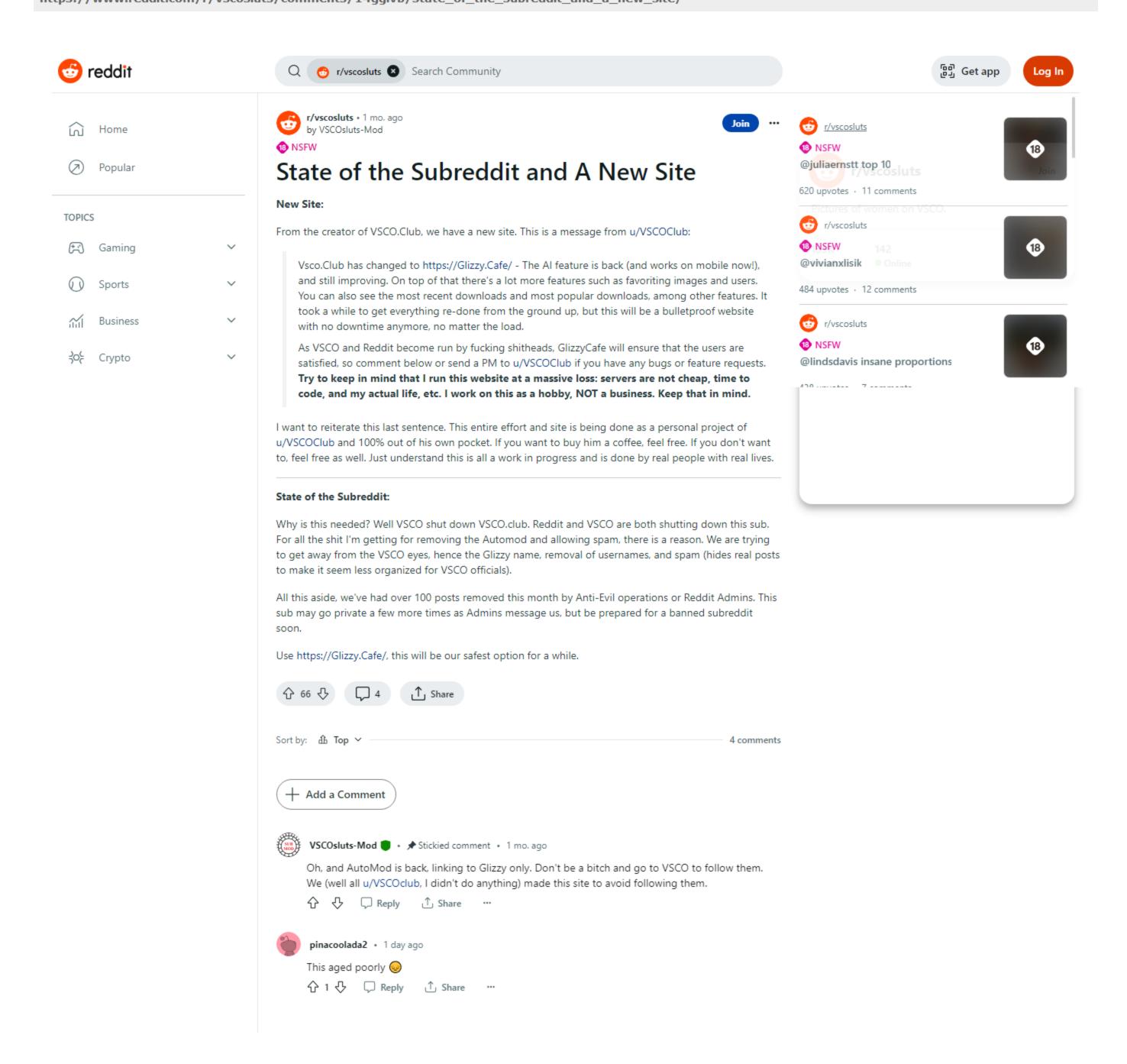
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1235 Bay Street, Suite 700

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October 9, 2024

Sent by Email (zachary.alinder@kirkland.com)

#### WITH PREJUDICE

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Zachary J. Alinder Kirkland & Ellis LLP 555 California Street San Francisco, CA 94104 United States

Dear Mr. Alinder,

### Re: Response to Cease and Desist Letter Dated October 4, 2024

I represent Mr. Adam Khimji in connection with your letter dated October 4, 2024, on behalf of Visual Supply Company ("VSCO"). Please direct all future correspondence regarding this matter to my attention.

Mr. Khimji categorically denies any involvement in the activities alleged in your letter. Prior to receiving your correspondence, he had no knowledge of the matters described therein.

To facilitate an amicable resolution, my client is willing to agree to refrain from any future contact or interaction with VSCO, its services, or its users' works. This agreement is made without any admission of liability or wrongdoing on his part. He also confirms that he does not possess any materials or content belonging to VSCO or its users, as alleged in your letter.

However, we challenge the sufficiency and validity of the evidence upon which these allegations are based. The websites listed in your correspondence, which you allege are under my client's control, are currently non-operational and do not load. Furthermore, they bear no resemblance to the screenshots provided in your letter. The letter also makes vague references to "other owners" and "other websites" without providing specifics or evidence to support these claims. My client has no connection to the activities described, and we request that any such claims be substantiated before they are pursued further.

There are no direct ties between Mr. Khimji and the alleged activities, nor is there any history suggesting involvement in such matters. This further reinforces our position that these claims are unfounded. As for your demands for compensation, including investigative and legal expenses, my client respectfully declines as he is not responsible for the actions described and had no awareness of this situation until receiving your letter.

We also note that your letter sets an unreasonably tight deadline of October 14, 2024. The aggressive nature of this demand is not conducive to a fair resolution and raises concerns that undue pressure is being applied.

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We request an extension of this deadline to allow for a thorough review of the evidence and a reasoned response.

In light of the seriousness of these allegations, we again request that you provide any evidence or information that led you to associate Mr. Khimji with the alleged activities. This will allow us to address any misunderstandings or instances of mistaken identity. We trust that this response addresses your concerns and that no further action will be necessary. We respectfully request written confirmation that, upon receipt of this letter, VSCO considers this matter fully resolved and releases Mr. Khimji from any further claims or actions related to this issue.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Kleiman, BA, JD

# **EXHIBIT D**

From: Jonathan Kleiman jonathan@jkleiman.com

Subject: Fwd: Response to Cease and Desist Letter Dated October 4, 2024

**Date:** October 11, 2024 at 5:51 PM **To:** Adam Khimji akhimji3@uwo.ca



#### See below

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From: Alinder, Zachary J. <<u>zalinder@sideman.com</u>>

Date: Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 7:32 PM

Subject: RE: Response to Cease and Desist Letter Dated October 4, 2024

To: Jonathan Kleiman < jonathan@jkleiman.com>

Cc: Portnoy, Erica Brand <eportnoy@sideman.com>, Levad, Andrew M.

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Dear Mr. Kleiman,

Your prompt response to VSCO's October 4, 2024 cease and desist and demand letter (the "C&D letter") is appreciated; however, Mr. Khimji's purported categorical denial of involvement with the identified websites and related unlawful conduct set forth in the C&D letter is extremely disappointing. The denial by Mr. Khimji appears to be motivated by a bad faith hope that VSCO does not have evidence to support its claims. That of course is not the case. CloudFlare identified Mr. Khimji as the owner/operator of the websites

identified in the C&D letter.

As a professional courtesy to you and in the interest of providing Mr. Khimji one final opportunity to come clean, attached are three of the documents provided by CloudFlare and authenticated by them pursuant to our subpoena, which establishes that Mr. Khimji is directly and personally involved in the operation of both websites specifically identified in the C&D letter -- vsco.club and glizzy.cafe.

I will reiterate that this is Mr. Khimji's final opportunity to come clean. Anything less than a full, frank, and honest response from Mr. Khimji will not be sufficient. Please confirm by close of business on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 that Mr. Khimji will comply with the nine listed demands set forth in the C&D letter.

In closing, please also note that your October 9, 2024 response letter has an incorrect email address, incorrect firm name, and incorrect physical address for me. I am a partner at Sideman & Bancroft LLP, not Kirkland & Ellis. Please make sure to update your records to ensure that there is no mistake in delivery of any correspondence regarding this matter in the future.

We look forward to hearing from you by Wednesday. VSCO continues to reserve all rights and remedies in relation to these matters.

Sincerely yours, Zac Alinder

----Original Message-----

From: Jonathan Kleiman < jonathan@jkleiman.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:01 AM To: Alinder, Zachary J. <zalinder@sideman.com>

Subject: Re: Response to Cease and Desist Letter Dated October 4, 2024

Mr. Alinder,

Please see the attached letter.

Thanks,

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